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FULL FREEWAY CLOSURES

Northbound and Southbound Long Beach Freeway (Interstate 710) Between State Route 91 and Interstate 405

PARAMOUNT to NORTH LONG BEACH: The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) will conduct an extended closure this weekend on the northbound and southbound Long Beach Freeway (I-710) from the Artesia Freeway (State Route 91) to the San Diego Freeway (I-405). The work is part of the Long Life Pavement Rehabilitation Project from the I-405 to Firestone Boulevard. Twice this weekend, I-710 will fully close to motorists as follows:

FULL FREEWAY CLOSURE: Northbound and Southbound I-710 from SR-91 to I-405

- 1) Saturday, May 16, 2009, 12:01 a.m. to 6 a.m.
- 2) Sunday, May 17, 2009, 11 p.m. to Monday, May 18, 2009, 5 a.m.

CLOSED RAMPS: All on-ramps and off-ramps on I-710 at Long Beach Boulevard, Del Amo Boulevard and Artesia Boulevard will be closed.

CLOSED FREEWAY CONNECTORS:

- Northbound and southbound I-405 to northbound I-710
- Eastbound and westbound SR-91 to southbound I-710

Beginning Saturday 6 a.m. until Sunday 11 p.m., a reduced number of lanes on northbound I-710 will be available to motorists: two lanes for northbound flow and three lanes for southbound flow. All traffic will flow in the northbound I-710 lanes while construction work continues in the southbound I-710 lanes throughout the weekend.

Vehicle speeds will be reduced to 45 mph. Oversized loads are not permitted throughout the weekend due to narrower lane widths. To decrease delay time, motorists are advised to use alternate routes around the project area.

Caltrans has completed pavement replacement on the northbound and southbound I-710 between SR-91 and I-105, which began late October, 2008. This weekend marks the beginning of construction work between new project limits of SR-91 and I-405.

The work involves rehabilitating aging pavement to provide a roadway with several decades of service life, improved pavement performance and a smoother ride for the traveling public. Nine miles of pavement is being replaced with 10½ inches of Long Life Asphalt Concrete. Roadway widening will occur where possible to provide standard lanes and shoulder widths.

More information on the Long Life Pavement Rehabilitation Project is available on the Caltrans District 7 website at www.dot.ca.gov/dist07

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